THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 31st July 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR, FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : To-day also it is my sorrowful duty to inform the House of the death of Sri B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur, former Member of the Madras Legislative Council.

Sri B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur passed away on July 29, 1965, and was aged 75. He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council from 1930—36.

On behalf of the House, I shall convey the condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Accordingly, all hon. Members stood in silence for a minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram

* 11. *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the amount still due to the Government together with interest from the Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram, out of the loans granted to them?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Out of the total loan of Rs. 10,00,000 sanctioned to the Madras Vanaspathi, Limited, Villupuram, the amount still to be repaid in instalments is as follows :—

	RS.
Principal	5,51,217.23
Accrued interest	3,49,172.10
Total ...	9,00,389.33

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the instalments are coming in, in time?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. There are no arrears. Instalments are paid regularly.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : This has been pending for a long time since the Government began the collection of instalments. Still more than Rs. 8 lakhs is outstanding. Will the Government take steps to collect it quickly?